

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Arturo MARIA  
Serial No. : 09/314,330  
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For : SYSTEM FOR SECURING INBOUND AND OUTBOUND  
DATA PACKET FLOW IN A COMPUTER NETWORK  
Group Art Unit : 2131  
Examiner : Jenise E. JACKSON  
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**REQUEST FOR REFUND**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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SIR:

On March 20, 2007, Applicants submitted a Reply to the Final Office Action of October 20, 2006 and paid for a two month extension of time (\$450). However, the Notice of Appeal, filed on January 23 tolled the time period for reply. Therefore, the two month extension of time was improperly assessed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a refund in the amount of \$450 be credited to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,  
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